Reviewer’s report

Title: A comparison of mental health policy in four African countries

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I suggest the following discretionary revisions:

1) In the section on "Methods", authors may provide a brief explanation on the validation of the WHO Mental Health Policy Checklist.
2) In the section on "Methods", authors may provide more details on the composition of the WHO "independent" team in charge of the assessments and revisions.
3) Authors may consider deleting the paragraph "What can be done" because it goes beyond the aim of the paper (This paper reports the results of an assessment of the mental health policies of Ghana, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia, using the World Health Organization (WHO) Mental Health Policy Checklist).
4) Authors may consider providing a short explanation on "how" all the potential biases described in the paragraph on "Limitations" have been taken into account in the interpretation of results.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests